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WEATHER FORECAST
FAIR.

February 19th, 1912, Temperature a.m. 57, p.m. 55; Humidity...85, 86.

February 18th, 1911, Temperature a.m. 61, p.m. 61; Humidity...71, 71.

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TELEGRAMS.

HOME POLITICS.

LORD SELBORNE ON CORRUPTION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 6.20 a.m.
Lord Selborne, speaking at Cambridge, said a system of spoils would be the inevitable result of appointments to the Civil Service by Ministers direct. The honours of such men as Mr. Burt and Mr. Lionel Phillips were due to the merit of public service, but to day the Party machine was doing its utmost to prostitute honour to its own purposes. He hoped, for the sake of the country, that Liberals would refuse longer to dabble in dirt. Unionists must do their utmost to cleanse their own Party of this corruption.—(Reuter).

TREATMENT OF INDIANS.

London, Feb. 19, 7.5 p.m.

In the House of Lords Lord Ampthill raised a debate upon Indians in the Transvaal. He asked regarding the allegations that in Portuguese Mozambique Indians were forcibly detained while their Union permits were being examined, with the likelihood of their deportation to India in consequence of the expiry of the Delagoa Bay permits. He asked whether minors were allowed to accompany their parents and whether the Government had communicated with the South African Union on the matter.

Lord Ampthill said that the Indian question was, more than ever, of enormous public importance.

SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

Lord Emmott said that the Colonial Office had no official information, but if representations were made to Mr. Hewart he would consult Sir Edward Grey in regard to the matter.

Lord Ampthill replied that he was surprised that the Government had no papers on the subject. It was pitifully disappointing that the matter should be allowed to remain where it stood. It was idle to say that the Government could not interfere with the self-governing dominions. He pointed out that the effect was that all the good from the momentous Durbar celebrations was being undone, and bitterness and resentment arising from this question.

PAPERS PROMISED.

Lord Emmott said that he believed that the relations of the communities in South Africa had improved and would continue to improve.

He promised papers relating to the working of the Goldlaw Township Amendment Act, but emphasised the fact that the Union Ministers did honestly try to meet the Government on important points.

LORD SELBORNE'S VIEWS.

Lord Selborne said that he thought that the complexity and difficulty of the question were not realized in Great Britain and India. He earnestly desired a settlement for the sake of South Africa quite as much as of India. He did not desire to under-rate the strength of Indian case, but it was as necessary to understand the South African side. It was a question of the comparative systems of Eastern and Western civilizations. Lord Selborne explained the seriousness of Indian competition. He considered that if immigration were not restricted the European trader would disappear from South Africa, and proceed to picture English tradesmen in town after town being replaced by Chinamen, and similarly Bond Street and Regent Street. He asked if British opinion would then remain as impartial and neutral as now.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME POLITICS.

AN INDIAN PARALLEL.

If the land of India were all passing into the hands of Europeans surely the Indian Government and the public of India would legislate to prevent it. It was not a sound basis to say that all the King's subjects had the same rights in all parts of the Empire. It was a true basis that the special interests of each of the parts should have first consideration.

Surely every one would agree that in India what was foremost was the welfare of the people of India, and the South Africans asked that the interests of South Africa should have first consideration. They desired to restrict future immigration while treating those already domiciled fairly.

Lord Selborne sketched the history of the trouble and showed that the South Africans became frightened at the extent of the immigration, hence the legislation. He affirmed that he realized to the fullest the position of the Indians, but he wished the House to understand that the Transvaal's action was not gratuitous, but was based upon great anxiety.

There were many reasonable and honourable Indians on the one hand and the Union Government on the other who made a settlement wholly possible.

It would be as disastrous to South Africa if the question were not settled as to India (Cheers). LORD CREWE ANSWERS.

The Earl of Crewe said that he had hoped that he had put the Indian position clearly at the Imperial Conference. Lord Ampthill was a little pessimistic in thinking that the conference and conversations had been without result. He testified to the goodwill of the Union Ministers, but said that he was afraid that that goodwill was not universal among South Africans, as there had been a deal of prejudice beyond what was justified by trade competition. He deprecated the treatment given to educated Indians. There had been too much loose talk on the question of colour.

There was a growing opinion in India against immigration, consequently any attempt to flood South Africa would not be countenanced. Lord Crewe admitted that the action of the various Governments was not taken altogether without provocation. The problem of the passage of Indians through Mozambique was particularly difficult. He asked for specific instances of unfair treatment, as it was impossible for Lord Gladstone to go to his Ministers with vague complaints. He concluded that undoubtedly any suspicion of public injustice and contemptuous treatment would arouse in India strong indignation and he desired to see the cause of the difficulty cleared away and the matter then dropped.

Continuing, Sir Edward Grey said the Government was trustee for the people to see that the power to defend itself against possible danger was properly preserved.

"Our people's interest," he proceeded, "is peace. We also have to see expressed in our policy the wish of the people that we should not be aggressive ourselves. The probability of a universal coal strike is the most serious question in the minds of everybody in this country. If a strike proceeded to its worst consequences, no one could say how much of national prosperity might be recovered."—Reuter.

AN APPOINTMENT.

London, Feb. 19, 7.40 a.m.
Mr. Ellis Griffith succeeds Mr. Masterman.

[Mr. Ellis Griffith has been Under-Secretary since 1907 and is M.P. for Acreley. He is 52 years of age.]

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

London, Feb. 19, 5.10 a.m.
During question time in the House of Commons, Mr. F. D. Acland said that the Brussels Sugar Commission had not arrived at an agreement yet and had adjourned until Feb. 20.

He was further unable to make any statement as to the circumstances surrounding the trial of Mr. Stewart at Leipzig.—Reuter.

QUIET SOCIETY WEDDING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 19, 5.10 p.m.
Lord Howard de Walden has been quietly married to Miss Margarette Van Raalte at Marylebone Church.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

SIR EDWARD GREY.

A PEACE SPEECH.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 2.20 p.m.
Sir Edward Grey, speaking in

Manchester, pointed out that the language used by Mr. Asquith was reciprocated in the same tone in Berlin. In both speeches there was considerable reserve and reticence.

He (Sir Edward Grey) must observe the same restraint, but this did not imply any lack of cordiality. He trusted something would be achieved which would remain permanent, and which would dispel some of the mists of suspicion and distrust due to unfounded rumours.

Other firms in view of recent experiences have notified shipowners declining to unload unless military protection be given.

THE COAL CRISIS.

A gleam of hope in the coal strike crisis is furnished by the statements of two prominent trades unionists. One said that he and four others were in negotiations with five coal owners and an announcement would be made towards the end of the week, though there was little prospect of a settlement being arrived at before Feb. 29.

The second said that the time was not ripe for intervention, but there might possibly be no stoppage on Feb. 29 as negotiations might be continued.

THE MINIMUM WAGE.

London, Feb. 18, 7.40 a.m.

After the decision of the South Wales Conciliation Board, on the casting vote of the Chairman, Lord St. Aldwyn, that the miners be granted a general increase in wages, the men offered to meet the owners to discuss the minimum wage (which the owners had asserted they could not grant). The men replied that events must take their course.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S POLICY.

London, Feb. 18, 7.40 a.m.

In his speech at Manchester, Sir Edward Grey said we had special relationships and friendships with certain Powers which we mean to preserve, but therein was nothing contemplated an unprovoked aggressive policy in regard to other Powers.

Our naval strength was essential, and no other nation ought to be offended if we established a margin of strength against any probable combination likely to be brought against us.—Reuter.

A DELICATE POSITION.

London, Feb. 17, 4.20 p.m.

It is now almost impossible to insure against a strike Lloyd's are charging a 90 guinea percentage.—Reuter.

GERMAN MINERS.

London, Feb. 17, 4.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Berlin telegraphs that anxiety is felt on account of the Essen strike spreading in Germany. Three Miners' Unions have demanded an increase of wages owing to the higher cost of living.

HERR SOLF.

London, Feb. 18, 7.40 a.m.

Various departments of the State were in communication yesterday regarding the question of a suitable form of intervention in the coal dispute. The position is most delicate owing to the long-standing ill-feeling between the masters and the men, engendering obstinacy on both sides. It is expected that Mr. Asquith will make an announcement on Monday.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

GROWING SERIOUS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

The situation in Glasgow has again become serious as the dockers are now refusing to work under the agreement which was completed through the mediation of Sir G. H. Askwith. Thousands of tons of cargo, valued at over a million sterling, are lying at the docks and nobody dare touch them.

One firm requesting protection during the removal of a consignment received the answer from the police that they considered such a step injurious, and that any attempt to remove the goods would be at the firm's own risk.

Other firms in view of recent experiences have notified shipowners declining to unload unless military protection be given.

THE COAL CRISIS.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

Reuter's Melbourne correspondent states the fund guaranteeing the expenses of the Australian cricket team's visit to England for the Triangular Contest already amounts to £700 sterling.

The team will be selected by Messrs. Trumper, Armstrong and Hill, independently of the Board of Control.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S TEAM.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

The aviator, Mr. Gilmour, started from Brooklands on a now baby monoplane, and fell four hundred feet, being killed instantly. Experts deduce from the evidence of eye witnesses that Mr. Gilmour met a vacuum.—(Reuter).

TRIANGULAR CRICKET.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

A FINE RECOVERY.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

AVIATION DISASTER.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

BROOKLANDS TRAGEDY.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

GERMANY AND GERMANY.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

COSMOPOLITAN EDUCATION.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

London, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 17, 5.20 a.m.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1912.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY,

AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY),

20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd
FEBRUARY.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$3.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 14th Feb., 1912. [171]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The following are the weights for the Tochow Cup—(Handicap) to be run on THURSDAY, 22nd February.

Hds.	in.	St.	Ibs.
Kiangwan	13.	0	10. 7
Oil King	13.	0	10. 5
Lymington	13.	1	10. 10
Mandolin	13.	2	11. 1
Alasity	12.	3	10. 0
Caprice	12.	3	10. 6
Roxay	13.	1	10. 0
Merry Soot	13.	2	10. 0
O' Rio	13.	1	10. 12
Cappell	13.	0	11. 0
Favonius	13.	1	10. 12
Brushwood Boy	12.	3	10. 7
Royal Rose	13.	2	11. 7
Marengo	13.	0	11. 1
White Lila (late)	13.	1	11. 1
Joss Mighty			
Auchend on	13.	0	10. 10
Drumtho	13. ** 2	11.	4
H. P. White			
H. P. White			
T. F. HOUGH			
Clerk of the Course.			
Hongkong, 14th Feb., 1912.			[173]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Day WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Officer found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 14th Feb., 1912. [171]

THE ADMIRAL'S PRIZE.

PRESENTED by His Excellency

Vice Admiral Sir Alfred L. WINSTON, K.C.B., O.V.O., C.M.G. (Ladies' Nomination).

A Handicap for all China Ponies

that may be started at this Meeting. Second to receive \$3 per cent. and third 10 per cent. of the Entrants Fees. Entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter.

The Ponies of the Cap has also kindly presented a prize for the Lady No. winning the Winner, no Lady to no more than one Pony.

A List of Weights to be carried will be posted at the Grand Stand and published in the Press on the morning of the Race.

Entrants will close to the Clerk of the Course on FRIDAY, the 23rd February, 1912.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Imperial Club Stand.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 14th Feb., 1912. [173]

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1912. [112]

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Hongkong, 22-3 Mar., 1912. [15]

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Hongkong, 22-3 Mar., 1912. [15]

China Mail.

China New Year.

Dull, cloudy weather, with occa-

sional heavy gouts of rain,

ushered in the China New Year

— the last, we presume, that will

be celebrated in Hongkong after

the fashion of the old calendar.

There was the usual amount of

cracker-firing, and on Sunday

work ceased throughout the Col-

ony, while the ceremonial calls

were being paid or received. But

the impressiveness of former

years in the matter of holiday

attire was sadly marred by the

miscellaneous assortment of

undignified and incongruous

headgear worn. The old style

winter had disappeared as

completely as the queue, and its

substitutes spoiled the effect of

many a handsome robe of broad-

ed silk. Another noticeable fea-

ture was the abundant supply of

Republican flags hung out in

every street. Hardly can we

not compliment the Chinese

nation on the change effected.

The five gaudy horizontal stripes

are singularly lacking in artistic</

PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTES.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR AMATEURS.

Concerning Broken Plates.

It happens to all of us at times that a favourite negative, which cannot be replaced, gets cracked or broken. In such cases, it is sometimes unfortunately true that no suitable print for copying is available, and it becomes necessary to get a print from the injured negative. The following methods, abstracted from a recent article which came under notice, are reliable and worthy of trial.

When the glass only is cracked so that the gelatine film is still holding the pieces of glass together, it is a good plan to strip the film and mount it upon a new glass. First soak the negative in clear water for some time and then transfer it to the stripping solution. Prepare the following stock solutions:

A—Wond alcohol, 1 ounce; formalin, 3-4. ounce; water, 1 ounce.

B—Sodium fluoride, 30 grains; water, 1 ounce; sulphuric acid, S. G. 1.84, 14 minims.

For use take one ounce A and one drachm B and flood the plate. When the film seems ready to leave the glass, as may be told by raising a corner with the point of a penknife, squeeze it to a piece of clean white paper, lift both from the bath and squeeze the film carefully to a sheet of clean glass which has been entirely freed from growth by means of strong nitric acid, followed by washing and rinsing. Strip off the paper and lay the plate in the rack to dry.

A Simpler Method.

The foregoing method, as will be seen, requires several chemicals of an unusual and somewhat dangerous nature, and is not so well suited to the needs of the average worker as one of the following. Perhaps the simplest way is to place the printing frame containing the cracked negative and a piece of glossy printing out paper at the bottom of a deep box just large enough to accommodate the frame. Such a device causes the rays of light to pass through the cracks parallel to its edges and prevents refraction, so that the defect does not show in the finished print. To save trouble in the future, it is well to copy this perfect print.

An Alternative.

An alternative method is to suspend the frame in a shallow box, to the four corners of which strings are attached, and wind the strings together at the top so that when the hind is removed they will twist, thus suspending the frame in constant motion and diffusing the light thoroughly. This device requires one occasionally to twist it up, but if printing is carried out in a bright light this is a minor objection. The two methods are by no means equally suitable for bromide or development uppers of the gas light variety, but if "twist'y happens" that with these printing methods it is often only necessary to find the exact angle to hold the frame to the printing light. Test strips should be used, and the frame held first on one side and then on the other, with the light striking the crack as nearly parallel as possible. Of course, if one has a pair of condensers for enlarging, the easiest way is to hold the frame in the position usually occupied by the negative in enlarging, because only parallel rays pass.

Another Plan.

When, however, both film and glass have been broken, another method must be used. Comat the pieces carefully to a clean glass with Cam-la balsam dissolved in xylol (used in microscopic work) and press out any air bubbles which may have formed. Then with a match apply balsam to the edges of the fragments and press them together so that the balsam oozes up and fills the crack. If this is neatly done and the surplus balsam wiped off and the pieces do not separate during drying the crack will not show in the print, because the balsam has almost the same refractive index as glass.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.

The following is the Thirty-first Annual Report of the above Company:

The General Managers submit a Statement of the Company's accounts for the year 1911. Including \$20,558.70 brought forward from the previous year, and after deducting \$10,000 paid as an interim dividend of \$2 per share, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$10,832.80, which it is recommended should be appropriated as follows:

A Final Dividend of \$10 per share, \$50,000.00 Provision for contingencies, 15,000.00 To write off Launch and Lighter A/c, 2,000.00 To carry forward, 23,822.85

\$100,822.26

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Profit and Loss Account. For the year ended December 31, 1911.

To General Managers' Commission, \$2,000.00 To Auditor's Fees, 150.00

To Interim Dividend of 8 per cent. paid on August 17, 1911, 10,000.00 To Balance, 90,822.86

\$102,972.86

By Balance brought forward from last year, \$20,558.70 By Ice Silos and Cold Storage Charges, less Working Expenses, 71,589.24

By Rent received (less Crown Rent and Taxes paid), 1,401.86 By Interest and Dividends, 9,401.06 By Transfer Fees, 19.00

\$102,972.86

Balance-Sheet at December 31, 1911.

Liabilities. Capital, 5,000 shares of \$25 each, \$125,000.00 Accounts Payable, 7,292.79 Ammonia Reserve, 4,058.91 Provision for Contingencies, 160,000.00 Uncalled Dividends, 3,125.00 Profit and Loss Account, 90,822.86

Assets. Land, Buildings, Plant and Machinery as per last account, \$129,220.68 Since expended on Plant, 6,673.00

Extension Account, as per last account, \$24,780.81 Since expended on Buildings and Machinery, including interest during Construction, \$2,778.63, 94,415.93

Launch and Lighter, as per last account, 10,000.00 Less written off as per last Report, 2,000.00 Investments: Mortgage on Property, \$2,000.00

Hongkong Club Debentures, at par, 20,000.00 Shares in Public Companies, as per last Account, 430.00

Sundry Debtors, 7,007.04 Accounts Receivable, 3,901.26 Stocks of Ice, Coal and Ammonia, 4,050.00

Unexpired Insurance.

Pro mta 263.40

Cash at Bank and in hand:

at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Deposit \$60,000.00

Cash at Bank and in hand:

at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Current A/c, 6,875.43

Cash at Bank and in hand:

at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Dividend A/c, 2,420.00

In hand, 203.96

69,555.39

\$30,200.56

petition appeared in the issues of Feb. 1 and 2.

Photographic Competition Coupon.

Feb. 20, 1912.
I agree to enter the photographic competition on the express understanding that the editor's decision shall be final, and that he may, at his discretion, use the print sent herewith either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or the "Weekly Telegraph."

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Notices

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TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS.
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Every 15 min.
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. " 10 min.
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. " 15 min.
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. " 15 min.
12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. " 10 min.
1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. " 15 min.
1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. " 10 min.
2:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. " 15 min.
5:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. " 10 min.
8:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 8:45 p.m. to
11:00 p.m. every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

SUNDAYS.

7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. every 15 min.
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. " 10 min.
11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon " 15 min.
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. " 10 min.
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. " 15 min.
6:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. " 10 min.
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. " 15 min.
7:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. " 10 min.

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DIPLOMACY AND COMMONSENSE.

Whatever irritation was created by Mr. Churchill's application of the word luxury to the German Navy, has speedily disappeared. We remarked at the time that we could not believe the good sense of the German people would allow them unduly to exaggerate a slip of the tongue, and our optimism has since been justified by ascertained fact. There is growing up, between the British and German governments, a feeling of good will which may deepen into firm friendship. The speeches of Mr. Asquith, Dr. von Bothmann Hollweg, and of Sir Edward Grey are careful, but marked friendliness is apparent in them. The first known advance came from Germany in the shape of a hint that a visit from a British Minister would not be unwelcome. It is an arresting fact that after the visit was paid Mr. Asquith should find it necessary to deny those baseless rumours of meditated attack upon Germany which found currency among the credulous some time ago. The fact that the invitation from Germany should have preceded the British Premier's explicit denial of the truth of the rumours is a certain proof that they were discredited in the eyes of the German Government while they still found credence in some British circles.

We have before now given it, as our opinion that the suspicion and jealousy and unrest which have threatened seriously to disturb the peace of Europe of late, were due to nerves, that Europe was hysterical and panic-stricken without sufficient reason, and that a little cold sense would do much to remedy matters. Nothing could be more solidly sensible than the fashion of Lord Haldane's visit. He was armed with no authority, nor were those who received and entertained him furnished with power to make or conclude bargains. But the very essence of the atmosphere of diplomacy made for openness and frankness, and these were essential if a better understanding was to be established between the two countries. Informal conversations helped to clear the air, to soothe jaded nerves. The good work thus begun can be followed later by diplomatic action where every move is long and carefully studied; and the serious game of diplomacy can best be played in an atmosphere cleared of jealousy and suspicion.

It is a cheering announcement that the work thus auspiciously begun is to be continued by a visit of a German minister to England, by exchange of visits between the monarchs and by a call at German ports, before the year is out, on the part of a British squadron. This would indicate that Lord Haldane's visit has been abundantly successful. It is perhaps not too much to assume that the German invitation was preceded by an exchange of views on the part of the two monarchs. Nothing could be clearer than that the King is carrying out and expanding the work of peace as ably begun by the late King Edward. The Duke of Connaught's visit to New York, the coming exchange of visits on the part of the King and Kaiser seem part of a nobly-conceived plan to promote peace amongst the great nations. The start has been auspicious because it was based on solid common sense; and that is a humble quality of which the usefulness is very often overlooked in affairs of high diplomacy.

DAY BY DAY.

To brag little, to show well, to crow gently if in luck,—to pay up, to own up, and to shut up, if beaten, are the virtues of a sporting man.

To-day's Paper.

A long and interesting telegram of a debate in the House of Lords in regard to the exclusion of Indians from South Africa appears on page 1. On page 3 will be found Photographic Notes, the report of the Ice Company and the coupon for the Photographic Competition. Home Sport appears on page 8.

Fleet Surgeon W. H. S. Stalkart has been appointed to H. M. S. Minotaur, and for general staff duties, vice Handyside.

A Chinese army officer, who has undergone a course of study in aviation at Wiener Neustadt, has left Vienna for China, with two bi-planes.

A novel invention which has been installed at the General Post Office in London is an automatic machine which, when a penny is placed in the slot, impresses letters with a postage paid stamp.

The plague return which has made no appearance for a few weeks past, was issued to-day, there being six cases, all Chinese, during the past week. In all from the beginning of the year, there have been 23 cases and 20 deaths.

Last week's return of cases of communicable disease, issued to-day, shows that there have been 53 cases of small-pox with 38 fatalities. Of the 53 cases, reported, in three instances the patients are British, while one Jew and a Frenchman are also affected.

The Tokyo Government has received a note from the British Government advising them that the international wireless telegraph conference, which was to have met last spring, but which was postponed owing to the coronation of King George V., will be held in London on June 4.

To-morrow being Ash Wednesday or the first day of Lent the services in St. John's Cathedral will be as follows:—Holy Communion 8 a.m.; matins, litany, and communion service 10.30 a.m.; holy communion 11.30 a.m.; evensong and address 5.30 p.m. The preacher at evensong will be the Bishop of Victoria.

The "N. C. Daily News" of Feb. 15 says:—It is learned on excellent authority that the Republicans are still hurrying orders to Europe and elsewhere for arms. This is especially the case with the authorities at Canton, whether, it is said, the representatives of firms engaged in this line of business have been sent to negotiate the contracts, although orders from all over the country are pouring in. Rifles are being ordered by the thousand, and ammunition as well, although the latter is not in great demand, in view of the large stocks available at Kiangnan Arsenal.

Hongkong Benevolent Society.—The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday, February 27 at noon.

K.B.G.C. Dinner.

On Saturday evening the annual dinner was held in connection with the Kowloon Bowring Green Club, when the President, Mr. David Harvey, occupied the chair. He was supported by, among others, Messrs. R. M. Dyer, W. Jolly, von Meinus, D. Gow, G. T. Lloyd, J. Wead, G. R. Edwards, H. T. Richards, White, J. Lambert and R. Hall. The usual toast list was gone through. Mr. J. Mead responding for the "Kindred Clubs," Mr. G. R. Edwards for the Sports, and Mr. R. M. Dyer for "Our Guests." Songs and selections were given by Messrs. Edwards, White, J. Lambert and R. Hall.

JOCKEY CLUB RACES.**FIRST DAY.**

Tuesday, February 20, 1912.

from the Rock, with rare judgment and won very cleverly indeed. The favourite, White Carnation, hardly showed in the race and finished last.

The third race, for the Victoria Stakes, was the finest of the day so far. Furnal ruined any chance he had by bolting and covering the course twice before he consented to be pulled up. He was early tailed off in the race and returned to the paddock. Marongo, finely ridden in the straight for home by Mr. Burkhill, snatched a victory from Cleric, by a neck, after an exciting struggle in which both ponies were ridden all out. Mr. Johnstone had to be content with third place on Drumlithie a length nearly behind Cleric.

Mr. Burkhill had another fine win in the Valley Stakes on White Daisy. Esperando led the field at the home bend but White Daisy was always lying handy and was driven to the front entering the straight. There was never any doubt about the issue from that point, and White Daisy, finishing strongly, won by four lengths.

Only two observations fair to be made before one proceeds to the racing itself. The first is that to Mrs. "Pee" (Mrs. Ross) fell the honour of leading in the first winner of the meeting, amidst hearty applause.

The second is that the arrangements made for policing by Inspector Baker and his staff were admirable.

Having, like Mr. Johnstone, won a couple of races, Mr. Burkhill had also to be content with a place in the next race. This was the Foochow Cup which followed immediately after tillin. Mr. Dalgleish won very cleverly on Mandolin from Mr. Burkhill on White Lilac. The latter was driven through very cleverly in the home straight and came with a rare bat on the rails, but the effort was made too late to be successful. Mandolin's effort was made earlier and was nicely timed. Mr. Dalgleish scored a clever win here.

In the Trial Plate Mr. Johnstone scored his third success on Ben Macdui, and headed Mr. Burkhill in the list of winning jockeys for the day. Curiously enough, the victory was scored over Mr. Burkhill on White Hawthorn. The latter was a big tip and was hard ridden in the run home. But he put little heart into his work when pushed and Ben Macdui scored a clever win by a length and a half.

Mr. Kenrick's Korry was a fine winner of the Garrison Cup and was finely ridden by Mr. Knoll who nursed his mount finely throughout and scored very cleverly by two lengths from Alacrity and Reformer who dead-heated for second place. It seemed from the press box as though Mr. Johnstone's pony had just squeezed home by the shortest of short heads, but the Judge is always in the better position to decide.

THE RACING.
1. The Wong-noi-chong Stakes.—Winner \$400. Second \$150. Third \$75. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1911-1912. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

2. The Victoria Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$150. Third \$75. Handicap for all China Ponies that have run at any previous official or Gymkhana Meeting. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

3. The Trial Plate.—Winner \$500. Second \$150. Third \$75. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Bonafide Griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1911-1912 allowed 10 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

4. The Foochow Cup.—Winner \$500. Second \$150. Third \$75. Handicap for all China Ponies that have run at any previous official or Gymkhana Meeting. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

5. The Fooboo Cup.—Winner \$500. Second \$150. Third \$75. Handicap for all China Ponies that have run at any previous official or Gymkhana Meeting. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

6. The Trial Plate.—Winner \$500. Second \$150. Third \$75. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1911-1912 allowed 7 lb. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in

stone on entering the straight let out Ben-y-Vreac and commanding the rails won comfortably by two lengths from Fanling who rushed into second place, half a length in front of Ashington.

Time: 01.2-5 secs.

Cash Sweep.
Ticket, Pony.
No. 118 21 1st \$400.35
68 27 2nd 110.10
43 2 3rd 58.05

Dividends:

Win ... 8.30
Place 1 ... 5.50
2 ... 8.70
3 ... 7.40

2.—The Maiden Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$150. Third \$75. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1911-1912 allowed 7 lb. Entrance \$10. Three-quarters of a mile.

12lb (Dalgarno) 3

Mr. Aco's The Straggler, 10st.

12lb (Asger) 0

Mr. Borneo's Sumpitan, 1st.

1lb (Jervois) 0

Mr. Ching's Lots of Time, 1st.

1lb (Seth) 0

Mr. Formido's Floren, 1st.

7lb (Gegg) 0

Mr. Griesland's Tolland,

11st 1lb (Hastings) 0

Mr. T. F. Hough's Cadzow's

Lawn, 10st 12lb (Dalgarno) 0

Mr. Ellis' Kadoorie's Mogul

Clif, 1st 1lb... (Hayes) 0

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Lime

Tre, 1st 4lb ... (Knoll) 0

Mr. McCullagh's Esperando,

10st 12lb..... (Dupree) 0

Mogul Chief delayed the start,

and after two false starts the

ponies were eventually got well

away. Floren taking the lead

for a short distance, rising the

hill Esperando took command,

followed by Mogul Chief,

Floren and White Daisy with the

remainder in a bunch behind.

Mr. Asger on The Straggler was

unseated and the pony not being

remounted took no further part

in the event. They ran in the

order named until rounding the

final bend when Burkhill pushed

White Daisy to the fore and

maintain the lead won

easily by four lengths a length

separating second and third, and

a head depriving Esperando of

third place.

Time 1 min. 35.3-5 sec.

Pari-mutuel.

Pony.

Ticket No. 29 24 1st \$948.15

Ticket No. 206 14 2nd \$270.00

Ticket No. 174 5 3rd \$135.45

Commission, 150.50

Total, 1,505.00

Winner White Daisy.... 15.60

Place 1 8.60

Place 2 22.90

Place 3 34.80

5.—The Foochow Cup.—Winner

\$500. Second \$150. Third

\$75. Handicap for all China

Ponies that have run at any

previous official or Gymkhana

Meeting. Jockeys who have

never had a winning mount in

Hongkong, Shanghai or Tien-

tsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance

\$10. One mile and a half.

Mr. Fash's Mandolin..... (Dalgarno) 1

Sir Paul's White Lilac (late

Joss Mighty) ... (Burkhill) 2

Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance \$10. Allowances accumulative. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in.

Mr. John Pool's Ben Macdui, 10st. 12lb. (Johnstone) 1

Sir Paul's White Hawthorn, 11st. 1lb. (Burkill) 2

Mr. W. J. Grosson's, Birlingham, 10st. 12lb. (Dupree) 3

Mr. Gooligan's Damavand, 10st. 7.5lbs. allowance 0

Mr. T. S. Forrest's Gordon, 3lbs. over 10st. 12lb. (Gogg) 0

Mr. T. F. Hough's Madrigal, 10st. 12lb. (Dalglish) 0

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's, Delhi Chief, 10st. 9lb. (Hayes) 0

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Pari-mutuel.

Cash Sweep:-

Ticket. Pony. No. 274 15 1st \$1,449.00
208 12 2nd 444.00
125 5 3rd 207.00
Commission... 230.00
Total ... 2300

Dividend:-

Winner ... \$40.80
Places 1 ... 5.80
2 ... 5.00
3 ... 0.40

7.—The Garrison Cup.—Presented by the Officers of the Garrison. Second to receive \$150. Third \$75. For China Ponies Subscription Griffins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous Meetings of one Race 7 lb.; of more than one 14 lb.; at this Meeting 3 lb. extra. Penalties accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Mr. Konieck's Kerry, 11st. 0lb. (Knott) 1

Mr. T. S. Forrest's Alacrity, 11st. 10lb. (Johnstone) 2

Mr. S. H. Michael's Reformer, 11st. 1lb. (Hayes) 2

Mr. Ching's Urgent, 10st. 12lb. (Seth) 0

Mr. Doleful's Tomahawk, 11st. 1lb. (Gogg) Capt. H. K. Hughes' Tiekey, 11st. 3lb. (Jervois) 0

Mr. H. P. White's Tralee, 10st. 12lb. (Dupree) 0

5lbs. allowance.

• 1lb. over.

Second place (Dead heat) Urgent took the lead from Tomahawk and Tralee, with the remainder close up. At the football field the leader had put several lengths between itself and the field. Racing up the hill at the rock, Urgent further increased its lead from Tomahawk and Tralee with the rest of the field in Indian file. Rounding the home bend Urgent shot his bolt and resigned the lead to Kerry and Alacrity and Reformer. Warning to his work Kerry won easily by two lengths Alacrity and Reformer sharing place honours.

Time 2 min. 11.4-5 Secs.

Pari-mutuel.

Ticket No. 466 14 1 \$1606.50
469 17 2 344.25
228 7 3 344.25
Commission, 255.00
Total 2550.00

Winner 1 29.00

Places 2 8.70

3 20.90

8.—The Professional Cup.—Value Fifty Guineas. Presented. Second to receive \$150. Third \$75. For Griffins on date of entry and Ponies that have never won a Race. Subscription Griffins of the Season 1911-1912 allowed 5lb. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin allowed 5lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Soares' Diabolini, 10st. 12lb. (Dalglish) 1

Mr. T. F. Hough's Madrigal, 1st. 4lb. (Orcheton) 2

Mr. C. Gordon Mao-ki's Brushwood Boy, 10st. 9lb. (Dupree) 3
9lb. (Knott) 0

Mr. Gilpin's Caprice, 10st. 4lb. (Gogg) 0

Mr. W. J. Grosson's Bradon Hill, 11st. 4lb. (Johnstone) 0

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Arcadian Chief (late Just in Fun), 10st. 9lb. (Hayes) 0

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Cash Sweep:-

No. 383 23 \$1,449

331 11 414

417 16 207

Commission 230

Total 2,300

Dividends:-

Winner Diabolini 42.10

Place 1 do. 18.30

2 Madrigal 18.30

3 Brushwood Boy 19.30

9.—The Hongkong Club Cup.—Presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club. Second to receive \$150. Third \$75. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription

Gripping of this Season 1911-1912 allowed 10lb. Winners at this Meeting 5lb. extra. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Sir Paul's Royal Rose, 11st. 4lb. 1

Mr. W. J. Grosson's Rosyth, 11st. 1lb. 2

Mr. Brutton's Oil King, 10st. 12lb. 3

Won in a canter by three lengths, one and a half lengths dividing second and third.

Cash Sweep:-

Pony.

Ticket No. 429 11 \$1515.15

Ticket No. 215 6 432.90

Ticket No. 474 1 216.45

Commission, 240.50

Total \$2405.

Dividends:-

Winner. Royal Rose. \$6.10

do. 0.30

10.—The "K.O.Y.L.I." Cup.—Presented by the Officers of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Second to receive \$150. Third \$75. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous Meetings of one Race 7 lb.; of more than one 14 lb.; at this Meeting 3 lb. extra. Penalties accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

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Winner 1 29.00

Places 2 8.70

3 20.90

8.—The Professional Cup.—Value Fifty Guineas. Presented. Second to receive \$150. Third \$75. For Griffins on date of entry and Ponies that have never won a Race. Subscription Griffins of the Season 1911-1912 allowed 5lb. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin allowed 5lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Soares' Diabolini, 10st. 12lb. (Dalglish) 1

Mr. T. F. Hough's Madrigal, 1st. 4lb. (Orcheton) 2

From a slovenly start Ben Macdui took the lead with Birlingham and White Hawthorn in close attendance. Opposite the football field Light Chief worked his way into second place. Birlingham gave way to Madrigal who was lying close up third. Johnstone still kept his mount in front and Delhi Chief and Madrigal raced hard for places. Rounding the home bend Burkill made a call on White Hawthorn but it failed to respond and Ben Macdui, racing gallantly, won easily by a length and a half. Birlingham six lengths away third, Delhi Chief fourth and Gordon last. Time: 2 min. 25.2-5 secs.

Pari-mutuel.

Ticket No. 466

SPORT.

Notes from all Quarters.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS ON "STRIKE."

The Sydney "Bullitton" has the following caustic comments on the trouble between the leading Australian cricketers and the Board of Control:—The way-like declaration of President McEllhone, of the Board of Control, was delivered with the object of forcing the vague voices which were said to represent the feelings of "the players" to materialise into personalities. It had its effect. After a little hesitation, Clem Hill, Trumper, Armstrong, Ransford, Cotter and Carter scrambled out from behind the newspaper fence, and demanded that the Board of Control should back down, eat humble pie, and abrogate its decision to keep absolute control of the 1912 tour to England. They did it, in a long-winded and rambling letter which suggests that the Six are a little worse at letter-writing than they are at Test cricket on recent form. They demand to be allowed to appoint one of the players as manager, and that he shall be really manager. The Board may send a man to look after its interests, but he must be paid by the Board, and stand on the door-mat with his hat in his hand, and take what information the hasty player-manager likes to throw his way. But, most important of all, his salary and exes, must not be charged against the taking of the tour. Not one sixpence that might get into the pockets of the players must be diverted from his account. And if the Board doesn't climb down, then the Six won't go to England.

There is only one answer. The names of the Six must be eliminated from the list of possibles. With the exception of Carter, not one of them will be missed, on recent form. The colts, in the State matches, made an infinitely better showing against the English bowling than did the veterans in the Test matches. Why these gentry should have got themselves dubbed as "certainties" in the anonymous campaign is hard to understand, except on the theory that they are suffering from enlargement of the bat, and really believe in their conceit that they cannot be done without. As a matter of solemn fact, the letter of the Six has cleared the air a lot. It has made it possible to drop, without any signs of cruelty, a number of gentlemen of somewhat avuncular nature who, on recent Test form, have fallen from the rank of players to that of has-beens. As the Greeks said: "They whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." Perhaps they had the same sort of trouble before the Test match with Persia.

Runs on Luck.

By the way, the fact that Australia lost the toss in the test match just finished reminds one that Australia has had what seems to be a remarkable run of luck in winning the toss in Test matches with England eight times in succession—namely, three times during the present tour in Australia, and for each of the five matches that were played in England in 1903.

Sir Hiram S. Maxim, whose attention was called to the fact, pointed out to a press representative, however, that there is, after all, nothing very remarkable about it. There are, he said, many hundreds of thousands of tosses in this country and in Australia every year, and out of every two hundred and fifty-six there is one chance of winning eight times running. He gave the following table of chances up to this number:—

1 chance in 2 of winning once,
1 chance in 4 of winning twice
in succession.

1 chance in 8 of winning three
times in succession.

1 chance in 16 of winning four
times in succession.

1 chance in 32 of winning five
times in succession.

1 chance in 64 of winning six
times in succession.

1 chance in 128 of winning seven
times in succession.

1 chance in 256 of winning eight
times in succession.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.**POST OFFICE.**

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's Office at Hongkong:—Chloang, Chiuang, Chonghing, Mooner Street, Duckjoung, Gensor, Haungsingta, Ijeofong, Iquique, Kongwuchong, Connaught Road, Kwanonat, Lowlock, More Astor, Terostero, Thianit, Wangtchinghan Hotel, Chonon, 0006, 3833, 1355, 0022, 0418, 2480, 1032, 0152, 2400, 3123, 1738, 5705, 5827, 5129, 0745, 3068, 1684, 4382, 5281, 1120, 6670, 0022, 3057, 2400, 4099, 0137, 2504, 2006, 1595, 0280, 0342, 3152, 5887, 0022, 3833, 2212 and 2052.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London Date January 24th. February 9th. January 27th. February 18th.

MAILS DUE.

German, York, 22nd inst.
American, Mongolia, 28th inst.

American, Persia, 12th prox.

MAILS CLOSE.

Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Socota, 21st Feb., 9 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per Ichia, 21st Feb., 10 A.M.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN.

(Late Letters 11 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

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Macao—Per Sui Tai, 21st Feb., 11 A.M.

Seaton, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haizang, 22nd Feb., 1 A.M.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 22nd Feb., 11 A.M.

Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tasmania—Per Seattle-maru, 22nd Feb., NOON.

Shanghai—Per Chonan, 22nd Feb., 3 P.M.

Manila Cebu and Ililo—Per Kaifong, 22nd Feb., 3 P.M.

Hai-phong (taking Mail for Pakhoi)—Per Ponglong, 22nd Feb., 5 P.M.

Macau—Per Sui Tai, 23rd Feb., 11 A.M.

Amoy and Tientsin—Per Kueishow, 23rd Feb., 3 P.M.

Siberian Mail.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.)—Per Empress of Japan, 23rd Feb., noon.

Macau—Per Sui Tai, 23rd Feb., 11 A.M.

Amoy and Tientsin—Per Kueishow, 23rd Feb., 3 P.M.

Australian Mail.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.)—Per Empress of Japan, 23rd Feb., 3 P.M.

Tientsin—Per Chingshing, 23rd Feb., 5 P.M.

Manila, Cebu and Ililo—Per Kwong-sang, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.

Bangkok—Per Suanon, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.

Swatow, Amoy and Tientsin—Per Chingshing, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.

Manila, Cebu and Ililo—Per Kwong-sang, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Lushing, 24th Feb., 1 P.M.

Macau—Per Sui Tai, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.

Hongkong—Per Macau, 24th Feb., 5 P.M.

Singapore and Penang—Per Hopson, 24th Feb., 5 P.M.

Siberian Mail.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Linan, 21st Feb., 6 P.M.

French Mail.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., Seattle and Washington—Per Inaba-maru, 26th Feb., 10 A.M.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN.

(Late Letters 11 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first Clearance will be included in this contract mail)—Per Ernest Simons, 27th Feb., 11 A.M.

MACAO.

Per Sui Tai, 27th Feb., 11 A.M.

Manila, Cebu and Ililo—Per Tamshing, 27th Feb., 3 P.M.

Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Kamts-mata, 27th Feb., 5 P.M.

Manila, Mangarin, lo and Oboe—Per It., 29th Feb., 3 P.M.

Manila, Cebu, Ililo, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Eastern, 2nd Mar., 9 A.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Mongola, 2nd Mar., 10 A.M.

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Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Fook-hung, 7th Mar., 11 A.M.

VEHICLES IN PORT.**STEAMERS.**

Benvenuto, Br. ss., 1,050, R. Kiobie, 10th Feb.—Sing-pure, 10th Feb., Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Chinkiang, Br. ss., 1,229, Meathrel, 6th Feb.—Wakamatsu, 31st Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Inaba Maru, Jap. ss., 3,837, S. Tomimaga, 18th Feb.—Spithead, 16th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Kwongsang, Br. ss., 1,428, Bichard, 18th Feb.—Swatow, 17th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Pheonpeah, Br. ss., 1,625, Jas. H. Scott, 18th Feb.—Saigon, 14th Feb., Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Hunan, Br. ss., 1,183, Speed, 18th Feb.—Hongkong, 16th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Choising, Ger. ss., 1,021, J. Bahn, 16th Feb.—Manila, 12th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Ichia, Ital. ss., 2,834, G. Belotti, 18th Feb.—Kobe, 12th Feb., Gen.—C. & Co.

Ship Shing, Br. ss., 1,199, Moony, 14th Feb.—Chefoo (via Weihaiwei) 8th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Devawongse, Ger. ss., 1,057, E. Gathmann, 10th Feb.—Bangkok, 11th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

On Sang, Br. ss., 1,787, A. G. Smith, 18th Feb.—Chingwatin, 14th Feb., Gen.—C. E. & M. Co.

Rajaburi, Br. ss., 1,198, C. Wolff, 18th Feb.—Manila, 14th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Suavia, Ger. ss., 2,881, Rasmussen, 18th Feb.—Hamburg and Singapore, 11th Feb., Gen.—H. A. L.

Bohemie, Aust. ss., 2,305, Bartoli, 19th Feb.—Shanghai, 16th Feb., Gen.—S. W. & Co.

Hellas, Ger. ss., 846, M. Berg, 10th Feb.—Bangkok, 11th Feb., Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Idomenes, Br. ss., 4,250, A. G. R. Padda, 10th Feb.—Shanghai, 6th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Sabina Rickmers, Dutch ss., 578, Fins, 18th Feb.—Hsing-fong oil, 17th Feb., Gen.—Kernius oil.—A. P. Co.

Tenier, Br. ss., 5,805, W. Yarrow, 19th Feb.—Vancouver via Japan, 18th Feb., Flour.—B. & S.

Soshu Maru, Jap. ss., 1,119, K. Sakawa, 10th Feb.—Canton, 18th Feb., Gen.—S. K.

Michael Jason, Ger. ss., 951, J. Peterson, 11th Feb.—Bangkok, 2nd Feb., Rice and Gen.—B. & S.

Seattle Maru, Jap. ss., 3,832, T. Satow, 11th Feb.—Manila, 9th Feb., Gen.—O. S. K.

Spir, Nor. ss., 890, Horn, 16th Feb.—Manila, 12th Feb., Ballast.—A. T. & Co.

Wuhu, Br. ss., 1,227, Howard, 17th Feb.—Canton, 16th Feb., Rice.—B. & S.

DOUBLEDAY & SONS.

DEPARTED.

Feb. 18.—

Vorworte, for Yokohama.

Daiya-maru, for Tamsui.

Tungus, for Saigon.

Feb. 19.—

Silesia, for Hamburg.

Feb. 20.—

None.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per. s.s. Inaba Maru, arrived 18th Feb., from Seattle, &c.:

Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Colaco, Miss M. R. Colaco, Capt. A. H. Colaco, Miss D. Mercer, W. M. Colaco, Miss S. McCormick, F. Colaco, Master A.

February 19th at

10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Barometer 30.84 30.26

Temperature 57° 55°

Humidity 85% 86%

Wind 0.01

Clouds 100%

WATER LEVEL.

Sea level 20.00 ft.

Depth of water 20.00 ft.

Wind force 1